

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): An image data management system, comprising:

a plurality of printing stations with functions to read digital image data, to print the data by performing necessary image processing and to transmit or receive the image data;

a management system connected to each printing station via a network and used for identifying management data of each printing station and for distributing necessary data to each printing station; and

a server for turning the image data, being transmitted from each printing station to the management system, to a database and for storing the data,

wherein said plurality of printing stations further comprises:

a currency processing unit, wherein said currency processing unit identifies currency inserted into the system, processes a cost to be charged to a client, and returns currency to the client.

9-14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): An image data management system, comprising:

a plurality of printing stations with functions to read digital image data, to print the data by performing necessary image processing and to transmit or receive the image data;

a management system connected to each printing station via a network and used for identifying management data of each printing station and for distributing necessary data to each printing station; and

a server for turning the image data, being transmitted from each printing station to the management system, to a database and for storing the data,

wherein the image data turned to said database has image categories as attribute information, and

wherein said attribute information further comprises a name, an age, a sex, an occupation, an address and a telephone number of an owner of the image data.

16. (canceled).

17. (previously presented): The image data management system according to claim 8, wherein said digital image data comprises digital image data received from a digital camera.

18. (previously presented): The image data management system according to claim 8, wherein said image processing comprises resolving a back light photograph, correcting automatic color for adjusting technical peculiarities of a digital camera, correcting shadow, correcting color balance, correcting photographic failure, enlarging or reducing a size of image data, and removing noise.

19. (previously presented): The image data management system according to claim 8, wherein said management system comprises a host computer and wherein said management system manages the status of each of the plurality of printing stations, monitors remote controlled maintenance of each of the plurality of printing stations, and monitors operating conditions of each of the plurality of printing stations.

20. (new): The image data management system according to claim 8, wherein said plurality of printing stations further comprise a camera and an illuminating device, wherein a photographed image is obtained using the camera and the illuminating device.

21. (new): The image data management system according to claim 8, wherein said plurality of printing stations are publicly located and wherein said image data stored in said database can be accessed via the printing stations by permitted public users.

22. (new): The image data management system according to claim 8, wherein each of the plurality of printing stations comprise a plurality of printers.